

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 19, 2008

RE: S.B. No. 6
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water, Land, Ocean Resources & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 6 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO OPIHI,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to prohibit the sale of all Hawaiian species of edible opihi, with an exception for opihi shells of a certain size used to make curios and jewelry.

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs and Sierra Club-Hawaii Chapter testified in support of this bill. Tanioka's Seafoods and Catering, Yama's Fish Market, Inc., Boyd's Fish Market, Tamashiro Market, Inc., and numerous concerned individuals opposed this measure.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

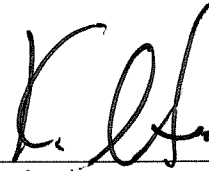
- (1) Inserting a sunset date of 15 years; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for style, clarity, and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water, Land, Ocean Resources & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 6, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto



as S.B. No. 6, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on
Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Water, Land, Ocean
Resources & Hawaiian Affairs,



KEN ITO, Chair



